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UM AMONG 12 U.S. AND CANADIAN SCHOOLS WITH
TWO RECIPIENTS OF MELLON HUMANITIES AWARDS

MISSOULA--

Herbert W. Luthin, Choteau, a 1980 University of Montana graduate in English, is one of 96 recipients of the first Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities. The fellows are from 68 U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities.

Vernon K. LaPlante, Browning, a 1982 UM graduate with a triple major, is one of five persons given honorable mention.

UM is among 12 schools that produced two award winners. Of 2,567 possible candidates nominated by faculty at nearly 700 institutions, 1,374 completed applications and 200 won regional interviews. Final selection was made by a national committee.

Each fellow will receive a living stipend of \$7,000 plus tuition and fees for a year of graduate study, with a possibility of support for two additional years.

Luthin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Guthrie Jr., Choteau, majored in English linguistics at UM. He was nominated by Robert B. Hausmann, associate professor of English, with support from Lois Welch, professor of English, and Anthony Mattina, associate professor of anthropology.

LaPlante, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe, graduated from UM with majors in religious studies, history and political science. He was nominated by the religious studies faculty. He and his wife, Diane Barlow LaPlante, a 1982 UM law graduate, live in Denver, where he is

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enrolled in a biblical studies program at the University of Denver and she practices law.

Ray Hart, campus representative of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and a member of the religious studies faculty, said the fellowships are given to help insure a flow of outstanding talent into humanistic scholarship and college teaching. They were created by the Mellon Foundation and are administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Princeton, N.J.

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